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The Lehigh Valley Homophile Association

MCC Goes Local



We formed a circle, linked hands and bowed our hands in prayer. It was the first meeting of the Metropolitan Community Church in the Lehigh Valley. Gary Norton had come up from M.C.C. Harrisburg to conduct our gathering and aid in the organization of this new branch of the church.

None of us had any concrete idea of how to start a church, a few weren't familiar with the Metropolitan Community Church, but all agreed that there was a need for an ecumenical church located here.

M.C.C. came into existence in October, 1968, founded by the Rev. Troy Perry. It has grown rapidly and now has outreach nationwide. The Metropolitan Community Church is "A Church which proclaims liberation for all, a Church which extends its ministry to black and brown and yellow and

white alike, a Church in which there is a mingling of rich and poor, old and young, handsome and homely, transvestites and transexuals; a Church which welcomes gays, lesbians and heterosexuals to worship together - such a Church is, indeed, a rare Church in the 20th century."

- The Universal Fellowship Today

Meetings will be the second and fourth Sundays of every month at a member's house in Catasauqua. The next meeting will be Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m., #5 Cambridge Place, Catasauqua. From Route 22, take Airport Road north through two traffic lights. Turn left onto Race Street for one and a half miles. At the first light, turn right onto 14th St. until it ends; turn right and then take the second right. #5 is the third driveway on the right.

Philly L&GCC

Preliminary talks are underway for a local gay community center. Tommi Avicoli, a director of the Philadelphia Gay and Lesbian Community Center, recently discussed how that center started.

In the early 1970's, the Homophile Action League talked about a community center. After some aborted efforts, a coffee house started with great success. Later, the coffee house, Gay Switchboard and the group later known as the Eromin Center were housed in a building loaned by the Quakers. However, due to its rundown condition, a

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Next Meeting

Turning Point of Lehigh Valley will present a program on domestic violence and the options available to someone who is abused by a family member or loved one. We would like to engage in a dialogue about physical violence in gay and lesbian relationships. The meeting will be April 24, 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Church in Bethlehem, located two blocks south of the 1500 block of Broadway on Lechawewki Ave. in Fountain Hill.

The presenters will be Bonnie McDonald, Executive Director of Turning Point, and Barbara Hart, Esq., Legal Liason to the Pa. Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

EDITORIAL Quest for a cure?

The Brethren/Mennonite Council for Gay Concerns in Washington, D.C., recently asked the News to investigate the Quest Learning Center in Reading. According to the B/MC, Brethren and Mennonite churches have been using Quest as a referral place to cure homosexuals.

The Center is located at 1517 Hill Road in Reading. A secretary described it as primarily a counseling center for gays, using a "Christian outlook for a complete recovery from homosexuality." However, she added that she had no data on the "success" rate.

A Mr. Cook directs the Center. The secretary believes he is a licensed psychologist but wasn't sure. She did say the Center is privately funded by the 7th Day Adventist Church, a fundamentalist church based in California.

The primary therapy seems to be one to one counseling with Mr. Cook, as well as group sessions. No aversion or shock therapy is said to be used. Approximately 75 people a week use the Center.

Another agency said to cure homosexuals is located in south Bethlehem, Hogar Crea, primarily a peer drug rehabilitation program run by ex-addicts. A spokesman for the Center said it would not provide service for a Spanish speaking gay having trouble with drugs who wouldn't want to be cured of his homosexuality. To them, homosexuality is not normal and would have led to the addiction. Sources say encounter type sessions

are used to pressure those seeking help to stop homosexual behavior.

Agencies like the Quest Learning Center and Hogar Crea are dangerous. They use psychological techniques that can harm people already at risk due to fear and insecurity over sexuality. These methods have no scientific validity and can only cause more self-hatred, denial and repression, making it all the more difficult to help a person who needs it. Moreover, these techniques are based on outmoded or specious theories of sexuality. At the most, they could prohibit homosexual behavior, but not homosexual feeling.

There are fine psychologists, counselors and agencies in the Lehigh Valley, Berks County and Philadelphia who can truly help a person deal with his or her sexuality, whatever it may be, by allowing them to explore their feelings in as guilt free and non-judgemental way as possible. The authoritarian preachings of groups like Quest and Hogar Crea demand conformity, not self-respect and acceptance, leaving others to pick up the pieces.

Fortunately, sources indicate that the Quest Center's treatment of clients has alienated even many fundamentalist ministers, those most likely to refer.

The B/MC has a free booklet, What is an Appropriate Christian Response to Homosexuality? Write B/MC, P.O. Box 24060, Washington, D.C. 20024.

By Line

One of our own was sentenced by a military court last year to seven years at hard labor on charges of drug possession and conduct unbecoming an officer. Lt. Joann Newak is not only a lesbian but was born and raised in Pennsylvania. While her sentence was subsequently reduced by one year,

many people are incensed at the blatantly unconstitutional procedures used at her trial and subsequent appeals.

Lt. Newak's conviction was based on circumstantial and fabricated evidence, the apparent purpose of which was to get a "bad influence" out of the Air Force. It can

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Le-Hi-Ho-News

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two year search started for a new home. An old stable on South Street was chosen, and opened in 1976 with the idea of later buying it.

New problems developed. Heating expenses were huge, \$1200 for one month alone. Also, South Street was not the new gay ghetto once promised. A building drive raised \$20,000 but Center City prices were rising as well. \$50,000 was thought necessary for down payment and closing costs. Buildings needing extensive renovations were not considered feasible due to the time and money involved to make them useful.

The present Camac Street site was found at the last minute and opened in January, 1982. The owner would only sign an 18 month lease, and will be doubling the rent when it expires this May.

Funds are being sought to keep the Center at Camac for at least another 20 months.

Rent for groups using the Center, such as the switchboard, are being raised to make income balance the outgo as much as possible. Programs dealing with the lesbian Herstory Archives, gay G.I.'s and gay Harlem in the 1920's have been well attended, and making money as well.

The GLCCP is incorporated as a non-profit, tax exempt organization run by a Board of Directors, half male, half female. The Center sponsors or gives space to a lending library, youth support groups, an over 35 coffee house, a non-alcoholic coffee house, a rap group, a parenting group, AA, Alanon, Black and White Men Together, Sisterspace and religious groups.

The Center is located at 222 S. Camac and is open six or seven nights a week. Call 545-9999 for a list of weekly events or check the Gay News.

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also be seen as yet another witch hunt by the armed forces to rid themselves of people not on the basis of what they've done, but of who they are. Lt. Newak's ability to do her work was at no time questioned; in fact, she worked in a secure area with clearance. Lt. Newak is in prison simply because she is lesbian. Such an act cannot go unprotected.

There are two things you can do. One is to write Secretary Verne Orr, Department of the Air Force, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20330 to express your wish for clemency for Lt. Newak. You need say nothing about your sexuality or Newak's, the issue is one of justice. Second, the State Conference Legal Defense and Education Fund, P.O. Box 314, Syracuse, NY 13215 needs money to pay for Lt. Newak's court costs and to publicize her situation.

"I have learned many things about life. One of these is that you have to fight for what you believe in and I believe in justice. I have learned the importance of living life to its fullest and how important love is. No matter how hard it gets I must remain strong. I know that I have been wronged. I will not give up until someone else sees the light and my case is reversed."

Lt. Joann Newak

The Le-Hi-Ho News has been going through many changes the past few issues. It's bigger, read by more people than ever before and businesses are starting to support it, which means they're starting to support you, through advertising.

Growth pains are inevitable and the News has had its share. Co-Editor Ed Barnard has left the paper. He helped guide it into its new format and his work is appreciated.

New people have come on the staff, helping to write articles, prepare the layout and sell ads. This new energy will make the News even better. We can always use extra help. Most jobs take just one or two afternoons a month.

Special thanks goes to the designer of our new format. Though younger than your aging editor, he is already one of the finest commercial artists in the area. We are pleased to have him on the staff.

As we continue publishing, we will always need your advice, comments, suggestions, criticism and yes, even praise. Our commitment is to print a newsletter the Lehigh Valley gay community can be proud to read.

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Dear Mr. Mike;

A friend of mine went to a fairy gathering somewhere in North Carolina and now keeps talking about fairy love and has been walking around naked in the house! What the hell happened to him? I don't even know what fairies are.

Paul

Dear Paul;

I think your friend discovered the fairy movement. I asked a number of gays if they knew about the movement and, surprisingly, no one had heard of it, so it mustn't be very popular in the valley.

In the early 70's, Harry Hay of the Mattachine Society knew a lot of gay groups in Los Angeles and found with the acceptance of straights, the gay culture seemed to be drying up. Drag, swish and Garland imitations were quickly replaced with tasteful cocktail parties so straights would see that there really wasn't any difference between them and "us." The term "straight gays" was coined to emphasize the lack of difference.

Hay didn't buy it and at the time was a big enough name to do something about it.

He and others saw the need for a specifically gay identity and culture and found that throughout history, gays were set apart as shamans, witch doctors, priests and bards, and seemed to live a life slightly apart from the mainstream.

He took aspects from shamanism as developed by American Indians, pagan rituals, a back to the earth movement of self-sufficiency and independence which was essentially tribal in nature and created the gay fairy movement.

300 dissatisfied gays went out to the Pecos Wilderness in the late 70's, danced naked in the sun and formed an exclusively gay subculture reflecting a need for a collective community or family feeling. Gatherings spread to Colorado, California and across the country where they have been going on ever since.

The gathering your friend went to was at Running Water Farm, Route 1, Box 127-E, Bakersville, NC 28705. The group at the farm told me you have to go to a gathering to experience what it's all about, and they welcome anyone.

NEWSLINE

. . . David Heidelberg of Perkasio pleaded guilty March 31 to the third degree murder last December of his lover, Robert Hanusofski. The murder was said to be the result of an argument over household chores and the defendant's refusal to have sex the night before with Hanusofski. (C-C)

. . . Dennis Neff of Allentown pleaded not guilty to a charge of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and corrupting the morals of a minor with a Salisbury juvenile. Neff pleaded guilty to a similar charge in 1976. He said he would seek psychiatric treatment. (C-C)

. . . The Muhlenberg Gay Student Union has protested both an article and editorial in The News, a local paper for college students, questioning Muhlenberg's funding of GSU and printing anonymous quotes against the open presence of gays on campus. This protest will be printed in an upcoming issue of The News.

. . . Harrisburg has become the second city in Pennsylvania to pass an ordinance bar-

ring discrimination based on sexual orientation. The passage capped a ten month effort that that city's Human Relations Commission to update its governing ordinance. The new law adds sexual orientation to its existing protected classes by prohibiting discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, businesses, credit and education.

. . . The Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations is investigating its first major alleged violation of that city's recently passed Gay Rights Bill. Temple University has allowed use of its placement facilities by Army recruiters, violating not only the city ordinance but its own policy of non-discrimination. The Defense Department has threatened to withhold money from schools which bar recruitment activities due to its gay discrimination policies. A rally was also held at Temple's Law School protesting the presence of military recruiters on campus. (Gay News)

ELSEWHERE

... The New York State Legislature will consider a bill to outlaw advocating sex between children and adults, which the bill's sponsors say will, in effect, outlaw the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA). However, a NAMBLA spokesman says the legal implications of the bill, if passed, will be far less reaching than that as NAMBLA maintains that "its meetings or publications have never been used to facilitate sexual contacts between men and boys." (Gay Community News)

... Dignity, the Catholic group in New York and New Jersey has issued a public statement disassociating itself from NAMBLA and other groups which fail to recognize that "children should be free in their formative years from undue sexual influence of a heterosexual or homosexual nature." (G-N)

... Dianne Feinstein, Mayor of San Francisco, fighting a recall election over her support for banning handguns, has approved bereavement leave for city gay and non-gay employees whose live-in lovers die. The Mayor faces opposition not only from the radical group White Panthers, who started the recall petition with their support of the "right" to bear handguns, but also from

many gays who object to the Mayor's perceived lack to fulfill promises to the city's gay community. (G-N)

... Noted sex researcher Dr. William Masters told a group of Louisiana college students to "Lay it on the line and come out," adding that staying in the closet was "like admitting that something is wrong with you rather than with the political or cultural influences that suppress you." (G-N)

... For the first time in Denver's history, an openly gay man has filed for election to city office. Perhaps Steven Carrington is finally coming out. Is this a new scheme of Alexis to win control of Denver Carrington?

... Philadelphia's mayoral race is heating up, with Wilson Goode actively seeking and receiving gay support from individuals and political groups. Goode supports a city Commission on Sexual Minorities like the state wide commission appointed by former Governor Milton Shapp, as well as appointing lesbians and gays to city posts.

Former mayor Frank Rizzo has said he would support the anti-gay discrimination law in Philadelphia, as had Jon Egan, the Republican candidate. (G-N)



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CALENDAR

April 10, Sunday

Women's softball team organizational meeting. 13th Street Pub, Easton, 252-9213

April 15, Friday

Party, Swain Faculty House, Muhlenberg College, sponsored by the Gay Student Union. 9:30 p.m.

April 24, Sunday

Le-Hi-Ho. Topic: Domestic Violence. 2 p.m., Unitarian Church of Bethlehem Metropolitan Community Church, #5 Cambridge Place, Catasauqua

April 27, Wednesday

Meeting, Muhlenberg Gay Student Union, 8 p.m., Center for the Arts

April 28, Thursday

Beer night, 13th Street Pub, Easton

May 2, Monday

Le-Hi-Ho Board Meeting, 8 p.m.

Continuing:

Tuesdays

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30 p.m., Church of the Mediator, Allentown

Wednesdays

Happy Hour 10 - 12 p.m., 13th Street Pub

Saturdays

Stonewall Tea Dance, 4 - 9 p.m., 1/2 price drinks

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SERVICES AND AID

Michael A. Abgott, M.D., 1545 Broadway,
 Bethlehem, 865-6112 General Practice
 Alcoholics Anonymous, the Rainbow Group for
 gays only, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., at the
 Church of the Mediator, 16th and Turner
 Sts., Allentown
 Allentown Health Clinic, 437-7760
 Bethlehem Health Clinic, 865-7087
 (sexually transmitted diseases)
 Confront, Inc., 1130 Walnut St., Allentown,
 433-0148. Counseling, group therapy and
 other specialized services.
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 Run Roads, Doylestown, 438-9711
 Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 437-
 0801. Out-patient counseling for alco-
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 Family Counseling Service, c/o Jack
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 Donald Graves, M.S., 867-7286. Counseling
 for the gay community; individual, family
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Keenan House, 114 N. 9th St., Allentown,
 439-7489. Residential drug and alcohol
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Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Intake Unit,
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 Counties.

Rape Crisis Council, 437-6611. For youth,
 men and women.

Mollie Rubenstein, M.S.W., 867-6542. Short
 and long term counseling.

Turning Point, Inc., 437-0222. Counseling,
 emergency shelter and advocacy for men
 and women.

Valley Wide Help, 435-7111. Referral line.

Valley Youth House, 539 8th Ave., Bethle-
 hem, 691-1200. Food, shelter and
 counseling for youth in need of emergen-
 cy services.

CENTERS

Women, Inc., 519 Linden St., Allentown,
 776-1300. A multi-service center inclu-
 ding drop-in services, counseling,
 social activities and support.

ORGANIZATIONS

Le-Hi-Ho, P.O. Box 1003, Bethlehem, 18016.
 Gay and lesbian group with social activ-
 ities, monthly meetings and newsletter.
 Muhlenberg Gay Student Union, Box E-90 Faculty
 Muhlenberg College, Allentown, 18104.
 Support group for college age gay men
 and women.

IF YOU COME

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